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## Kentucky Selected to Host 2019 NCSLA Annual Conference

**500 Attendees Expected for National Conference** 

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 23, 2017)** - Kentucky was front-and-center at last week's National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) meeting in Denver, when the Commonwealth was selected to host the group's 2019 annual conference.

Kentucky beat Kansas to host the conference, which is expected to bring approximately 500 visitors to the state for four days. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commissioner Christine Trout represented Kentucky and highlighted the numerous attractions and amenities the state has to offer for conference attendees.

"Kentucky ABC looks forward to welcoming our fellow state regulators from across the country to Kentucky for four days of meetings, training, and sightseeing," said Commissioner Trout. "The annual conference agenda always covers diverse and timely issues, and we look forward to placing Kentucky at the center of the discussion."

Kentucky is already slated to host the NCSLA Northern-Southern Regional Conference later this year in Louisville. Approximately 250 regulators from neighboring states will attend the conference, which will focus on Kentucky's alcoholic beverage producers and the state's Red Tape Reduction Initiative.

Commissioner Trout will serve as the vice chair of the NCSLA Southern Region during the conference and will be responsible for assisting the chair with overseeing regional activities during the next year. She was elected to the position by NCSLA members during the Denver meeting and will become chair in 2018.

"I am honored to serve in this leadership position and look forward to sharing my knowledge of state government processes and regulatory compliance with leaders from neighboring states," said Commissioner Trout. "Kentucky is on the forefront of many important alcoholic beverage issues, and I am excited to tell our story."

NCSLA's primary goal is to create and maintain effective systems of alcohol regulation for the public interest. The group promotes effective alcohol policies in local communities and educates members on regulatory compliance.

To learn more about NCSLA, visit <a href="http://ncsla.org/">http://ncsla.org/</a>. For additional information about ABC, visit <a href="http://abc.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://abc.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>.

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The mission of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control is to protect the public welfare and interest by regulating the alcoholic beverage industry through licensing, education, and the enforcement of alcohol laws and regulations, as well as combating youth access to alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in the Commonwealth.